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Terry L. Gilton

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INCLUDING POROUS SILICON COLUMN

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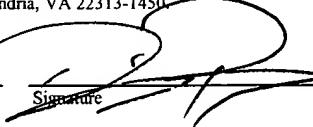
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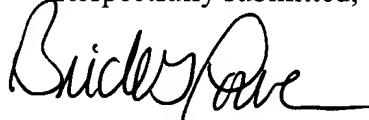
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that the references cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement of January 26, 2004, be considered and made of record in the above-referenced application and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A that accompanied that Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be returned to the undersigned attorney as evidence of such consideration.

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Respectfully submitted,



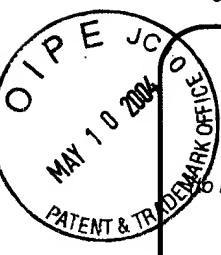
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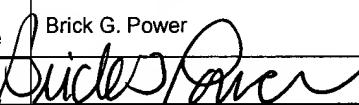
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